

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

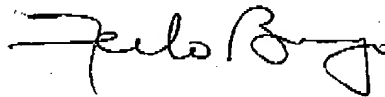
Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11 and 12 remain pending in the instant application.

The Office has indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all the limitations of previous claims 1 and 2. Claim 11 includes all the limitations of previous claims 1 and 3. New claim 12 contains all the limitations of claim 4, but depends from claim 11 (which incorporates the limitations of previous claims 1 and 3).

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a timely Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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